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Honorary Chairman NAACP Awards

HOLLYWOOD, OCT. 12 -- Singer-Actress Diana Ross has been named Honorary Chairman of the NAACP's 5th Annual Image Awards Presentations and Show, it was announced today (12) by Maggie Hathaway, Chairman of this year's event, and founder of the Beverly Hills-Hollywood Chapter. This year's Image Awards Presentations and Show have been scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 21, at the Beverly Hilton Holte.

"Naturally, we were delighted when Miss Ross graciously accepted to take time away from filming 'Lady Sings The Blues' to serve as the Nonorary Chairman of this year's Image Awards Program," Miss Hathaway said, adding:

"As you know, Diana won last year's 'Entertainer of the Year Award,' and she is the only Black Superstar holding a life membership in our branch who consistently offers her services above and beyond the call of duty."

The NAACP's Image Awards are presented annually to members of the Motion Picture, Television and Recording Industries who have made outstanding contributions toward improving the 'Images' of minorities in the entertainment industry.

The plush International Ballroom of the Beverly Hilton, which seats sixteen hundred, will house this year's presentations.

Wilkins says change not fast enough

DETROIT — Addressing the 36th annual meeting of the State Bar of Michigan here, Sept. 23, Roy Wilkins, executive director of the NAACP, called for "new efforts in the age-old task of fashioning the law so that it ministers more fully to the multiplied and sharply quickened needs of humanity."

Let us, he said to the assembled lawyers, "be about the business of strengthening our American society by making law and order, ror every segment of our population, more than a vote-catching phrase."

Wilkins used as a backdrop for his speech the tragedy at Attica prison in New York, which he said "has thrown the spotlight on racial discrimination" in the prisons as well as on the "entire administration of justice."

He noted that "Negro America is smoldering with resentment, not only because of the George Jacksons and the Attica killings, but because the system may function for them on the basis of their color, rather than of justice."

Some non-white extremists, he said, maintain that "black Americans should have no faith in our judicial system." These complaints are "underscored" by black GIs who have suffered from an unfair administration of military justice, he added.

"It could well be," he said, "that unless thoughtful white citizens move to correct conditions, the nation is in for the explosions that always follow the imposition of racial discrimination by ruthless force."

Scanning the history of the NAACP's legal battle against racial discrimination, Wilkins concluded that "We can see how the law, slowly, but so slowly, has been used to right wrongs, to beat back prejudiced acts."

His review, he said, showed not only what has been done, but also what remains to be accomplished.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO CLOSE FRIDAY

All Tacoma public schools will be closed Friday while teachers and staff attend various professional and curriculum meetings throughout the state, district officals announced today.

Classes will not be held at the L.H. Bates Vocational-Technical Institute, although the Institute's office will be open and students may register for classes Friday, Bruce Brennan, administrative director of the Institute, reported.

The statwwide inservice staff day is held to acquaint teachers with new instructional techniques and materials in their teaching specialties.

Five workshops for teachers are being held in the Tacoma School District for Tacoma teachers.

Five other state meetings are scheduled in the Tacoma area for teachers.

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World And National

SOVIET PREMIER Alexei Kosygin was assaulted by a Hungarian immigrant as he toured Canada's capital of Ottawa. The visiting Soviet dignitary was knocked down by his assailant but appeared unhurt.

INDIA AND PAKISTAN were reported massing troops along their border. Observers called it the tensest confrontation in years in the two countries uneasy relationship, and some predicted the outbreak of fighting within a few weeks at most.

PRES. NIXON'S nominees under consideration for Supreme Court nomination came under widespread attack. Among others, Democratic senators Edward Kennedy and Birch Bayh criticized the caliber of the nominees.

AN ACCORD reached by the U.S. with Japan limiting the amount of textile goods the Asian nation will export to the United States may have the effect of boosting clothing prices in this nation by over ten percent. The move was taken to protect southern textile companies.

PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER Henry Kissinger is on his way to Peking to pave the way for Pres. Nixon's forthcoming visit to the Communist country.

LOCAL AND REGIONAL

TACOMA COUNCILWOMAN Catherine Eagan charged that financial mismanagement was behind the closure of Tacoma public libraries during the evening hours.

THE UGN has raised about $700,000 so far in its drive to collect $1,928,000. The full amount is hoped to be obtained by mid-November.

TACOMA LONGSHOREMEN denied they were engaged in any kind of "slow-down." A number of longshoremen's gangs were fired in Seattle for engaging in slow-downs, but Shaun Maloney, president of Local 19, denied any such practice was taking place in Tacoma.

Library Staff Board Come Under Fire For Closure

Financial mismanagement is the true cause behind the Tacoma Public Library's recent cutback in evening services, according to Councilwoman Mrs. Catherine Eagan. In a speech Tuesday the councilwoman took library officials to task for closing the library after 6 p.m. and labeled the move "a cheap trick to threaten the City Council."

The controversy began last week when the City Council voted down an emergency allocation of $8,000 for the library system. The Library Board, headed by Mrs. E. T. Bowman, then decided to curtail evening services indefinitely.

Mrs. Bowman claims that the decision had been reached at an earlier Board meeting and was merely contingent on the action of the City Council in not meeting the library's emergency requests.

But Mrs. Eagan said that the Library's present financial difficulties were caused by such practices as paying off debts incurred in 1970 out of the 1971 budget. This practice was not only financially irresponsible, according to the councilwoman, but perhaps illegal as well.

Mrs. Eagan proposed that city administrators offer to perform a management study of the Library's administrative system. Implied in her proposal was the notion that perhaps the system was overstaffed and could be streamlined to obtain substantial operating savings.

The councilwoman pointed out that the Library's 1971 expenses were running at a much faster rate than those of other city departments. Furthermore, she claimed that what the Library staff claimed were "emergencies" were in fact "predictable and controllable expenses."

Speaking to Tacoma FACTS, head librarian Miss Mary Borden said the library closure was necessitated by lack of funds. She could not foresee a re-opening of the Libraries until the end of the year.

Miss Borden was offered space in these pages of the Tacoma FACTS to express the Library staff's views on the closure next week.

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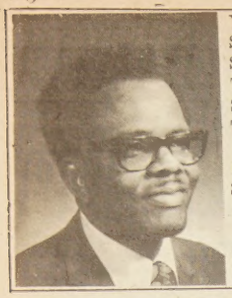

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STATE BOARD REGISTRATION COST OF REGISTRATION

STATE BOARD October 30, 1971

REGISTRATION 8: 30 a.m.

COST OF REGISTRATION $3.50

THE ASBERRY CULTURAL CLUB will be host to the State Board on Saturday, October 30, 1971, at the City Association Club House.

PRESIDENTS please have reports on proposed projects for 1971 and 1972. New clubs may get a sample report from the President or Mrs. McCabe.

PER CAPITA dues should also be paid before the State Board meeting. If dues are not paid by the meeting, come prepared to pay at least a part. Per Capita is $6.00 per member per year payable to the Washington State Association.

We have been asked by the State to revive our Arts and Crafts program. Mrs. Theda Morris request that members who have items that they have made please contact her so that provisions can be made to display them. We want an unusual Arts and Crafts display.

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The Asberry Cultural Club is sponsoring a Rummage Sale in early December. If you have good clean rummage, please contact Mrs. Virginia Drummer and she will have it picked up. Mrs. Ann Wade would like to have someone pick up some rummage from her home. Please call her.

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Will all the ladies who have taken dish towels home to launder, please return them before the State Board meeting. You may leave them at the club house, Mrs. Antoine, Mrs. Dorsey, or Mrs. Edwards.

SICKLE CELL ANEMIA RESEARCH

As the THE TACOMA FACTS NEWSPAPER has reported before, Sickle Cell Disease is an inherited blood disorder occuring in the severe form in one out of every 400 Black Americans and in the mild form (trait) in one out of every ten Black Americans.

In Sickle Cell Disease, hemoglobin, the material which gives the blood its red color, and which carries oxygen from the lungs to the tissues and waste from the tissues to the lungs is abnormal. In this condition, the red blood cell takes on the shape of a sickle.

The result is that the patient may suffer from poor physical development, weakness, listlessness, stomach pains, ulcers of the ankles, etc.

Laboratories studies show that if two people with the trait marry and have four children, only one is likely to be completely free of the diese.

The public has failed to recognize the importance of fighting this disease. The level of general ignorance concerning the nature of sickle cell anemia remains high despite substantial scientific advances in the understanding of the disease. More important, Black People have not been offered pertinent information about sickle cell disese and how it is carried from one generation to another.

Research funds for Sickle Cell Anemia are but a drop in the bucket when compared to such diseases as Muscular Dystrophy and Cyctic Fibrosis, diseases whose percentages of incidence among the white people are about the same as the incidence of Sickle Cell is in Black People.

The Tacoma Chapter of Links is trying to do something about this neglect, WON'T YOU HELP BY INFORMING YOURSELF AND ENCOURAGING YOUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO TAKE THE SCREENING TEST?

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Direct participation by you, or your business may fill the needs of others, and their resources may fill yours.

Please help. It feels good.....

TACOMA ART MUSEUM CHILDREN'S GALLERY

The Children's Gallery of the Tacoma Art Museum is opening a new exhibit for October and November entitled "Masks, The Faces of Man."

An introductory film entitled "The Loons Necklace" will be shown in the Children's Audio-Visual Theatre and will depict the making and mythology of masks in a very artistic and delightful manner.

In the Children's Gallery nearly 200 masks, artifacts, clothes, figurines, and utensils from Africa, Mexico, Guatemala, Japan and New Guinea will be on display.

Twenty docents from the Junior League of Tacoma, Inc. are being trained by Mr. Robert Vogel, of the U.P.S. Fine Arts Department, to guide classroom tours through the exhibits weekdays between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Appointments for tours are mandatory and can be made by calling the Children's Gallery - Br 2-4383.

For further information, please call Mrs. W. Ray Highsmith, JU 8-8835.

HOSPITALIZED—Gospel singer Mahalia Jackson reportedly is in generally satisfactory condition in the U.S. Army's McGraw Hospital in Munich, Germany. She entered the hospital suffering with chest pains and her ailment was diagnosed as "coronary heart disease with angina."

NEWS RELEASE TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

All Tacoma schools, including the L.H. Bates Vocational-Technical Institute will be closed next Monday for observance of Veterans Day.

Classes will resume at normal times on Tuesday.

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SAUNA SEX TRAIL VERDICT NOT GUILTY

A jury of ten men and two women deliberated three hours Friday and found three women involved in a Lakewood sauna innocent of all prostitution and vagrancy charges lodged against them.

Found innocent were Mrs. Robert Yukiko Austin, operator of the New Glo Sauna, and two of her employees, Mrs. Hisako J. Palmer and Miss Su Ja Dherin.

Mrs. Austin had been charged with operating a house of prostitution and accepting the earnings of a prostitute. Mrs. Palmer was charged with practicing prostitution and lewd conduct while Miss Dherin faced charges of soliciting prostitution and lewd conduct.

The trial took place before Superior Court Judge John D. Cochran. Hollis Barnett, Deputy County Prosecutor, argued for the County while Neil Hoff represented the accused.

Much of the prosecution's case rested on the testimony of Lonnie W. Lewis, an informant for the Pierce County Sheriff's Department. While not a member of the Department, Lewis visited numerous local saunas and reportedly was solicited to engage in acts of prostitution and sodomy forty times. He used marked bills to pay the masseuses who granted him sexual favors; these payments were then recovered by sheriff's deputies in vice raids on the establishments.

Lewis claims he received no salary from the Sheriff's Department for his services as an undercover agent and performed the job because it was the only way police could obtain concrete evidence of prostitution in the area.

Lewis testified that Miss Dherin performed what was described as "a lewd act" on him on July 31 and that Mrs. Palmer engaged in sexual intercourse with him on August 4. He claimed that he paid Mrs. Palmer withmarked money that was later found in the sauna's cash register, which Mrs. Austin had charge of.

Charges of accepting the earnings of a prostitute lodged against Mrs. Austin were based on this transaction.

Prosecutor Hollis Barnett said it would be reasonable to conclude that the proprietress of an establishment with only three employees would know what they were doing, including engaging in prostitution.

Defense Attorney Neil Hoff then launched into a tirade aimed at destroying Lewis's credibility as a witness. Calling the informant "the scum of the earth ... rotten ... almost inhuman" Hoff argued that Lewis testimony could not be trusted.

The attorney alleged that the man was a draft evader and that "he has admitted to 40 times engaging in sodomy and prostitution under the aegis of law enforcement .... There can be no doubt of the kind of individual Lonnie Lewis is."

Hoff noted that on August 4 Lewis testified he had visited two ither saunas four hours from the time he was at Yukiko's allegedly receiving sauna baths, massages, and sexual favors at all three. "His performance is incredible," the attorney claimed.

Despite the innocent verdict, Robert Austin, husband of the accused proprietess, announced that he and his wife were liquidating their Lakewood businesses because of a loss of business due to the arrests.

Help Schools Bridge The Gap

This is American Education Week and parents and citizens are invited to visit their schools to "help schools bridge the gap."

"Help Schools Bridge the Gap" is the theme of the annual American Edcation Week, scheduled this year Oct. 24-30. By visiting schools, citizens and parents can see firsthand what goes on in the classroom and have a better understanding of the schools functioning and their problems.

The week has been sponsored annually since 1921 by the National Education Association, the American Legion, the National Congress of Parents and Teachers and the U.S. Office of Education.

The week is to encourage citizens to look intensely at their schools in order to provide adequate support and initiate action correcting problems or weaknesses, a district spokesman said.

All 56 schools will be open to the public during the week.

ANNUAL FALL LEAF PICKUP PROGRAM

Beginning Monday, October 18, 1971, the Public Works Department will get under way with the Annual Fall leaf pickup campaign.

A schedule has again been established for daily pickups which will be made in areas which have been found to have the heaviest concentration of leaf bearing trees. The attached map defines the areas included in this schedule and denotes the day of the week on which Public Works Department crews will be in each specific area.

Residents living in areas other than those shown on the map may make arrangements for special leaf pickups by calling the Public Works Maintenance Division office at 593-4270.

Residents are asked to rake leaves only into the street, next to the curb, on the day before their scheduled pickup in order to minimize their being scattered by wind and traffic. No tree limbs or shrub trimmings will be picked up ;under this program.

It will also be very helpful if residents will refrain from parking their cars in the street on their scheduled pickup day. This will allow sweepers, flushers and other equipment to operate more efficiently.

This program will continue for the next several weeks, depending on the length of the time required for the majority of leaves to fall.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

LAKEWOOD THEATRE NEWS

FOR ALL SEASON TICKET HOLDERS AND MEMBERS OF LAKEWOOD PLAYERS

YOU ARE ALL INVITED to Lakewood players General Meeting.
Monday October 11, at 7:00 P.M. at the Theatre. Coffee and cookies provided by Helen the Coffee Lady; John (Lindsay Woolsey) Clapp is presiding; Esecutive Director Mike Wurl will report on AUTIE MAME and the other plays of this season; Secretary-Manager Lorraine Lonsdale will give us the box office report; Finance Director Finnegan and Season Ticket Chairman Brown will report; Lakewood Arts Foundation has an important announcement; Play Selection Chairman Norden will have the word on next season'sideas, and Rick Turnley will tell us about OWL & PUSSYCAT. Memberships in L.P. will be on sale @ $2.00, also Season Tickets at $10.00 for seven admissions.

AUTIE MAME had seven wonderful performances, by a cast of twenty, playing thirty-two roles. Words cannot express our admiration for Mike Wurl and Terry Murphy for getting us all to work so well together; for Bev Scoggins feat in mastering that long demanding role; for the stalwart performances of the two youngsters Bob Weirson and Doug Monaghan; for Sandi Davis and her costume people keeping everything needed together; for Lights & Sound Harold Hayward and Molly Robertson, without whom all would have been lost in confusion and for Ron Schmitt and his braceros who built and re-built the set. This complicated play was produced on $50.00 alloted to Mike for Everything - naturally quite a bit more was donated by many kind cast members and friends. Many remarks were heard in amazement that L.P. could do so much with wo little! Yr. Editor was particularly impressed with the responsibility and dependability of the young people involved-with such a large and diverse cast PrimaDonna-ism was nonexistant, and a lot of good feelings and fun was had.

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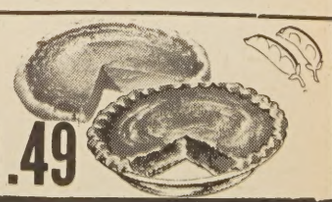

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Boys Club News

JUST A BIG THANKS !!!!

We the members of the Downtown Boys' Club would like to express our deepest and most heart warming thanks to all the members of Alma Lodge #133 and Puget Sound Chapter 80 order of Eastern Star for all their efforts for the benefit affair they put on to raise money for the benefit affair for the Downtown Boys' Club. Also to the many people who put in their time and effort to make this affair to go over big. THANKS

SMALL FRY FOOTBALL

The Tacoma Boys' Club Firefighters made a devasting comeback in the last of the fourth quarter to tie the ESAA Cubs with a score of 8-8. The Firefighters were scored on in the first play of scrammiage. After the score was made both teams went into broken pattern of not playing team ball. But the Firefighters put together a scoring drive with 2 minutes remaining in the 4th quarter. Ardre Crosky made the only tough-down for the Firefighters and was made "BACK OF THE WEEK." Henry Harkess made lineman of the week.

Coby and Spruill combined together to burn Cheney Studs to a score of 62-0. Tacoma Boys' Club Hilltop Boosters played the Cheney Studs Sunday at Vassult Field. This was a league plus a grudge game because last year the boys that played under Hilltop Boosters this year were sponsored by the Cheney Studs last year. The Boosters met this challenge with scoring three toughdowns in the first quarter, two in the second, two in the third and two the fourth. They also gained about 360 yards to the Studs-16 yards. Vincent Coby ran five touchdowns and Don Spruill ran four touchdowns to earn the honors of co-backs of the week. Kenny Driscoll and Larry Hych combined in earning the extra points. Quarter-back Hych and Ricky Lockeridge were co-captains for this weeks game.

Both coaches were glad to see the big turnout of parents and rooters at the game and hope to see it continue.

DANCE

Everything is in preparation for the pre-Halloween teenage dance sponsored by the Downtown Tacoma Boys' Club Parents' Club; October 22; 9:00 until 12:00 p.m. at the DTBC at 711 South 25th featuring the upcoming sound of the dynamic band called "BLACK FIRE" and co-sounds of the new rising TBC SOUL CONTROL. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

Let The Facts Speak:
RE-OPEN THE LIBRARY

The closure of the Tacoma Public Library during the evening hours has been attacked by various civic leaders as an attempt to blackmail the City Council into forking over more funds than the library is really entitled to; "blackmail' is only one of the many charges that have been traded. Naturally the Library Board has defended its position as necessitated by financial stringencies.

What cannot and should not be overlooked in all this however is the fact that for many Tacomans the Library played a very important part in sustaining a host of activities and providing various services in the evening hours. The number of societies that met there was truly impressive -- it ranged from political clubs to such esoteric groups as the Mycological Society and Science of Mind. All of these activities, we submit, have a legitimate place in Tacoma, but now they literally have no place to meet.

We are also somewhat wary of the Library Board's contention that evening hours are the least popular. In our experience, just the reverse is true: evening hours were the busiest for Tacoma's libraries.

We submit, too, that closing the libraries during evening hours has closed them off effectively to the working public. We think people who do not work would not have minded the libraries' being closed, say, in the mornings as much as working people and students do the evening closure.

Now it appears that the library system will be closed in the evenings until at least the end of the year. That is , unless citizens act. And the best place to start action is to call the Library Board and its chairman Mrs. E. T. Bowman and inform them that the closure was both unnecessary and against our best interests.

The libraries should be re-opened. be allowed to enter the electoral process in this way.

It is the means, not the ends, that we question.

-- John Evans

Community Specialist For Hilltop Area 2030

The Boy Scouts have employed Clarence R. Walker, Jr. who is currently Cubmaster of Pack 210 in Hilltop, to be a community specialist for the Hilltop area.

Mr. Walker has a sound background in Cub Scouting. He is married and has six children. He has been a longshoreman and was formerly with Boeing. In college he majored in Sociology.

As a volunteer memeber of the United Workers Association board, he has been helping secure men for jobs. He is also active with model cities serving on the Health Task Force.

Originally from Arkansas, he settled here to raise his family after his discharge from Fort Lewis in 1959.

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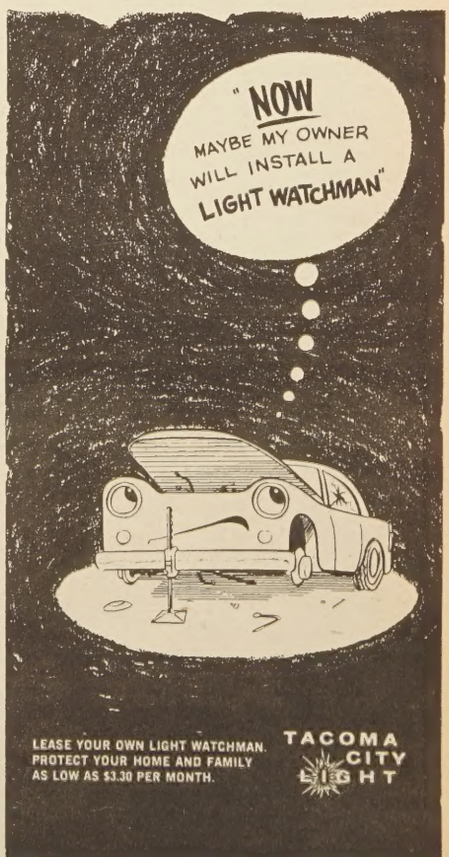
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BLACK SOLDIERS TO DISCUSS RACIAL PROBLEMS

"Negro soldiers seem to have lost faith in the Army system. They are not aware of the many accomplishments of the Army in their behalf and their leaders are either unaware their troops have complaints or are unprepared to handle the problems which come to their attention. All young black troops and a large number of white troops expressed a desire to openly discuss the racial differences and misunderstandings in order that tensions can be lessened."

So states a briefing for seminars on racial tension and equal opportunity included in an information packet being distributed by the Race Relations Coordinating Group, U. S. Army Infantry Center, (Attn: AJIGP-EO, Fort Benning, Ga. 31905).

Among other items in the packet is a reprint of an article from Commanders Call entitled "Race Relations in the Army." "Most blacks and many whites," says the article, "seem to believe that the degree of racial understanding in the Army is low and that tensions are getting more critical. Assessments of the degree of danger vary, but some believe that if nothing is done there are likely to be large-scale disruptions in a year or two." The packet also contains a handbook for the conduct of race relations seminars by moderators, coordinators and commanders; a suggested reading list; a film handbook; and several other article reprints.

THE PARK BOARD AND THE MILLAGE

Many of us may be in favor of the Park Board's needs for new funds on which the electorate will vote on Nov. W. What we are not in favor of, and look more than askance at is the Board's blatant meddling in the voting process.

Lately, Metropolitan Park District trucks and personnel have been seen all over Tacoma putting up signs at Tacoma parks urging people to vote for the millage on Nov. 2. We presume these signs were built and painted with city materials and on city time. We also note that they were erected, on park property, by park personnel during normal working hours.

No district or city department should attempt to influence voters in this fashion. Suppose that park employees who are told by their supervisors to go out and erect such signs are opposed to the millage? Not only is the matter unfair to opponents of the millage but, we suspect, highly illegal.

We point this out not because we are opposed

Wage-Price Freeze!

This column of questions and answers on the Wage and Price Freeze is provided by the local office of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service and is published as a public service. The column answers questions most frequently asked about the Wage and Price Freeze announced August 15 by President Nixon.

Q - Can prices be raised on World Series tickets?
A- No. The admission price for sporting events, such as this, occurring during the freeze period may be no higher than charges made during the applicable base period. In the case of the World Series, this will generally be the price charged last year.

Q - My employer is transferring me to a higher cost-of-living area. It has been the policy of my company to increase the pay of employees transferred to such areas. Can I receive this increase?
A - Yes. However, your employer must be able to document the existence of such a plan prior to the freeze, and must not increase the differential during the freeze.

Q - Can deposits for apartments be raised during the freeze?
A - No. This is not permitted during the freeze.

Q - I want to apply for an exemption from the freeze. How do I go about doing it?
A - Persons seeking exemption from the price, wage or rent ceilings should submit written requests in duplicate to the Director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness Regional Office for their geographical area.

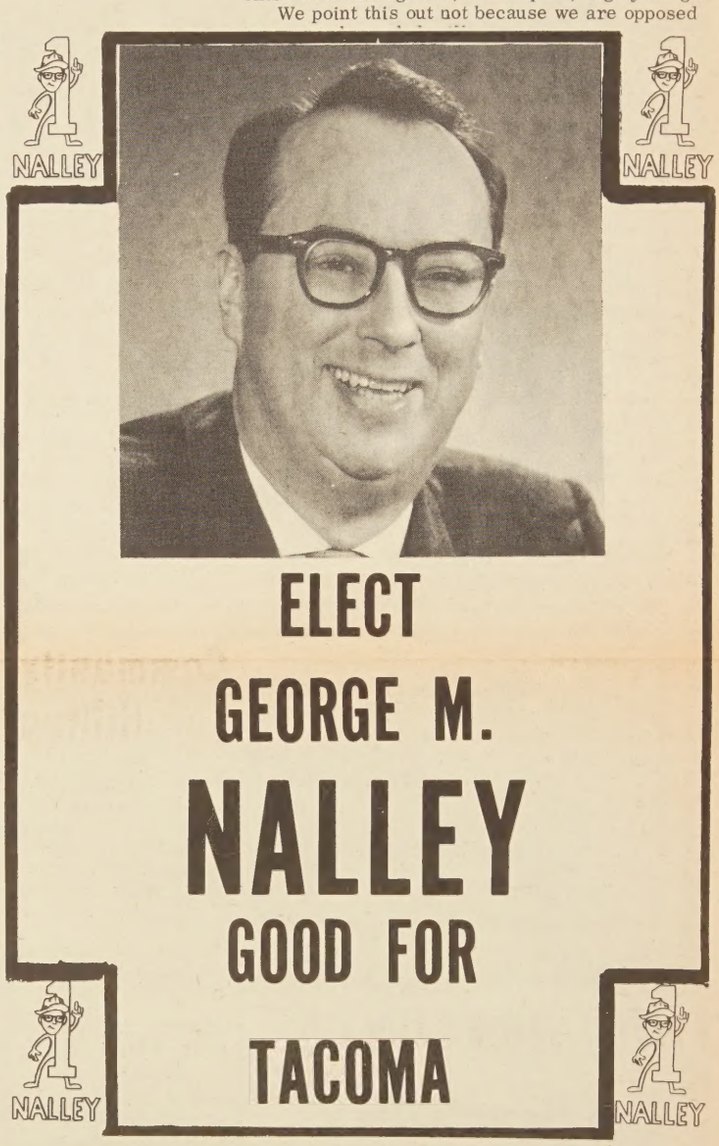
The request should state:

(a) name, address and telephone number;
(b) nature of business;
(c) manner in which the wage-price freeze is believed to grossly inequitable;
(d) the specific relief sought, and
(e) whether the individual or anyone affiliated with him has previously been granted or applied for an exception, exemption or adjustment.

Q - Prior to August 15, my company scheduled a profit-sharing program for its employees. Can the program be implemented during the freeze?
A - No. A company's previously scheduled profit-sharing program cannot be implemented during the freeze. All other fringe benefits, including, expense accounts, commissions, discounts, stock options, payments for deferred compensation, etc. are also frozen.

Q - My church is asking us to increase our contributions. Can this be done during the freeze?
A - Yes. Charitable contributions are not frozen by the President 's order.

Q - How can you tell if a distributor of imported goods is passing on the import surcharge to consumers?
A - An importer, or distributor of imported goods, must show on the sales ticket or invoice, in dollars and cents, the surcharge passed on to the purchaser. If the importer or distributor elects to pass on only a portion of the surcharge, he is still required to indicate penny-for-penny the exact amount passed on.



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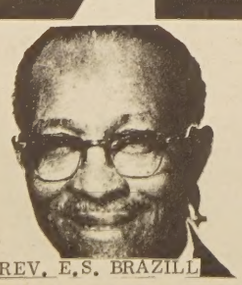
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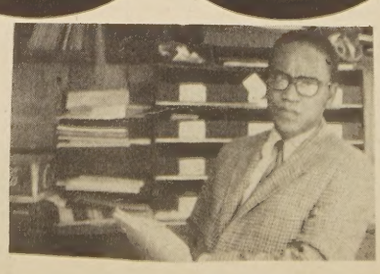

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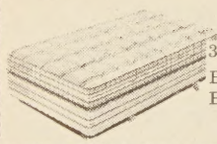

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